

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **100<sup>th</sup> WIPP Shipment Leaves Hanford**

Chief Lowell Porter announced today that the 100<sup>th</sup> shipment of transuranic (TRU) waste was shipped from Hanford on June 16, 2004. Shipments of transuranic waste started on July 12, 2000, and are transported to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Since the first shipment, a total of 2,990 drums containing a total of 598 cubic meters of waste have been shipped.

Transuranic waste generally consists of protective clothing, tools, glassware, equipment, soils, and sludge contaminated with man-made radioisotopes heavier than uranium.

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